

Bear Paw Community Newsletter

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Hello, Bear Paw!

First, I would like to welcome all the new residents to the Bear Paw community. Alaska is such a wonderful place to live and I hope that the new families are adjusting well.

My name is Precious Wallace. I am the housing mayor for the Bear Paw community. My family have been residents of Bear Paw and stationed in Alaska since 2001.

Bear Paw has always been a very nice, well maintained community, with very wonderful people living in it. I am eager to help you with any questions or concerns that you may have. You can contact me at the home number listed above or by email at wallaceprecious@yahoo.com

My goal will be to keep all Bear Paw residents informed with current information.

Let us keep Bear Paw a happy neighborhood by remembering the golden rule of, "treating our neighbor as we would like to be treated".

I would also like to thank all of the spouses who are staying strong while having your loved ones deployed and a thank you to the troops who are serving on the deployments. Military families are the strongest families I know. We all need to remember that when times get hard. Continue to help one another.



Please remember speed limits...

Bear Paw community as well as all the other communities are home to many children. Please remember to abide by the posted speed limits of 15 mph in housing areas. Our children are precious & we do not need to risk hurting them or anyone else by speeding.

For answers to any question call, 353-7535.

Holiday lights

Holiday time is near & we all would like to spread holiday cheer! If you want to put up lights for Christmas, October 1 is the time to get them up before it becomes unsafe and too cold. The lights must be removed before April 1. In addition, with other holiday decorations, we would just like to remind you to get them down in an appropriate matter of time.

Snow is around the corner...

With snow just around the corner, just a note to let all residents know to make sure the driveways, sidewalks and porches are clear of snow. Snow has to be clear within 24 hrs of snowfall.

Tickets will be issued by the area coordinator or Housing if these things are not done.

Self Help offers shovels, ice chippers, ice melt and snow blowers for loan to help you keep these things done.

Contact Self-Help for more info 353-6199

Help with shoveling, raking, babysitting?

We have many teens living in Bear Paw who are willing to help you if you cannot cut grass, shovel, rake or you need a quick babysitter. This also gives the teens a chance to earn a little cash. Contact me by phone or email to direct you to a teen to help you.

Keeping pets safe

If you have pets, please make sure you have all the appropriate items needed to keep them safe and secure. Smaller dogs can squeeze through the black fencing and larger dogs can jump over. If your dog has this potential, please secure him/her with a lawn screw and tether. All other modification of fencing must go through housing. There are only two pets per home allowed in housing. Dogs cannot be housed outdoors when temperatures are below minus 20 degrees F. For more pet information please refer to your Housing Residents' Handbook.

Winter information...

The cold is coming! As a newcomer to Alaska, you should know many things.

You must have your vehicle winterized in order for your vehicle to start during the winter months. It is recommended that you start plugging your vehicle in when temperatures drop to 20 degrees.

For more information about winterization, please contact....

AAFES Service Station 907-356-1263

Auto Craft Shop 907-353-7436

Reminders for students

Make sure you have the appropriate snow gear for school - gear good for temperatures good to at least -60 below. Children still have recess out doors to -20 below zero.

If you are in need of snow gear, the post's Thrift Shop has a great supply.

They also offer free clothing items to E5 and below the last Thursday of every month. For more info, contact 356-1458.

Caution when walking to school

Living in Alaska is exciting, but remember we live around moose. Though they look docile, they are wild. They are not pets and can be dangerous, especially when they have calves. Make sure to teach your kids to respect them and keep their distance!

Childcare

Free childcare is available for 172d families every Tuesday & Thursday from 6 pm to 10 pm @CDC, SAS & YS. Reservations are not required but are encouraged for staffing purposes.

For all other families hourly childcare is available by reservation for \$3.50 an hour.

Your child has to be registered with Central Registration. Central Registration also has a variety of sports activities available for the fall and winter to keep the children involved and busy.

For more information, please call 353-7713

Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley- Administration also has space available if there is no room on post.

They charge \$20 per year. Ages are 6yrs to 18yrs.

Please contact them at 457-5223 for more information as times and hours may vary.

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<http://www.wainwright.army.mil>

*** Reminder to parents about the Ft. Wainwright Home Alone Policy**

Ages of child	May Be Left Alone at Home	Left alone overnight	Outside unattended (to include playing and bike riding)	Left in car unattended⁶	Child sit siblings Child sit others
Newborn to 1st day of K	No	No	No	No	No
Grades K to 1st day of 7th grade	No	No	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access ¹ to an adult to assist. May go to & from school and other supervised activities alone if sufficiently mature.	No	No
Grades 7 to 1st day of 10th grade	For up to 10 hours, but not overnight.	No	Yes	For up to 15 minutes with the keys removed, doors locked, and the handbrake applied.	For up to 10 hours
Grades 10-12	For up to 24 hours, overnight, but a neighbor or friend must check on them twice a day. Minors will have telephone access to a neighbor in case of emergency and must know where at least one parent is.	Yes, Parents must have adult supervision arranged to make checks twice a day. Must have telephone access to a neighbor in case of emergency and must know where at least one parent is.	Yes	Yes	Yes for up to 24 hours 12 th grade and up. Yes for up to 12 hours for 10 th Graders till 1 st day of 12 th grade.